Next Athletic Council Meeting
January 17, 2007
Lunch 11:00 am
Meeting begins at 11:30 am
Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus
355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca,
Building B, Room B2b

ACTION ITEMS:
Budget 2007-2008
Endorsement of the Arbiter for Central Management of Officials (see p. 4)
Approvals for Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests and Combining Schools
Open Tournament format for team sports
Football 2007 Alignment

Congratulations Scholar/ Athletes and State Champs!!
NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Awards
Fall 2006 State Champions

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Section VI Fall Sports State Champions
(see pages 5-7)
Girls Diving: Casey Matthews, Williamsville North

Cross Country:
Class C – Tom Reubens, Wilson
Girls Class B – East Aurora
Boys Class D – Franklinville

Boys Gymnastics:
The Section VI Team
Vault - Michael Morse, Clarence
Pommel Horse – Michael Maizel, Williamsville North
Rings – Jarred Forman, Williamsville North

Girls Volleyball:
Class AA – Lancaster
Class B – Eden
Class D – Randolph

Boys Volleyball:
Class A – Lancaster
Class B – Eden

Congratulations To The
Section VI Fall Scholar/Athlete Team Award Winners
(listed on page 10)
Structure & Policy Review Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of reviewing all aspects of the NYSPHSAA. Please contact your representatives prior to their next meeting which is scheduled for January 31, 2007 with any suggestions you may have so that we provide the very best opportunities for our student athletes.

Future Meeting Dates
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2007 Coaches Clinics
(Brochures will be forth coming)

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Concussion Management Workshops

The NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA have entered into a partnership with ImPACT a web based neurocognitive test, founded by Mickie Collins and Mark Lovell @ University of Pittsburgh, which allows for pre-testing and post-testing. This is a valuable tool which provides important data, helping physicians evaluate head injuries and make informed return to play decisions. Watch for the schedule of the Concussion Education and Awareness workshops in your Section. (See p.3)

No registration fee - lunch included.

Citizenship Through Athletics

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott will be teaching the Citizenship Through Athletics Instructors course on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Holiday Inn - Turf in Albany. The course is free of charge. More information will be provided in Scholastic Athletics.

Announcements—Future Changes

2007-2008 Dues Increase - The NYSPHSAA dues will be increased by $50 per school district ($750.00) and .05 cents per student (.80 cents).

Basketball Championships 2008 - The dates for the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament will be March 14-16, 2008.

Girls Lacrosse - A waiver for the 2007 season to permit the wearing of uniforms that do not meet the new numbering requirement. Be advised that for the 2008 season uniforms will be required to have 6” numbers on the front and 8” numbers on the back and centrally on the uniform.

Cross Country - A variation in classification numbers for two years, beginning in the 2007-2008 school year. AA 1083 and above, A 712-1082, B 468-711,C 290-467 and D 289 and below.

Boys Lacrosse - In 2008 all jerseys shall be of a single, solid color with specific trim specifications (NFHS rule 1-9-1).

Discussion Item - January Executive Committee Meeting:

Section V has requested the membership to consider applying the Transfer Rule to student athletes in grades 7-8 once they enter the high school athletic program. (Selection Classification)

On Line Coaching Courses

The NYSPHSAA has partnered with SUNY Cortland in offering the New York State Coaching Certification Courses on line - an asynchronous web-based program. Go to www.cortland.edu/physed for registration information.

Winter 2007 Championship Dates And Sites

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Section VI will be hosting two pertinent and mandatory workshops for member high schools: Life of an Athlete Year 3; Coaching Effectiveness and Concussion Management. Every Section VI high school must be represented at both workshops, so both have been scheduled for the same date: FEBRUARY 12, 2007. There will be a morning and an afternoon session with lunch included and no registration fees. Details are being finalized and will be forwarded by the Section office in early January. Athletic Directors will be asked to pre-register. Information on the workshops follows:

Concussion Management Workshop

As indicated in the State news on page 2, NYSPHSAA and NYSSA have entered into a partnership with ImPACT, a valuable web-based tool which provides important data, helping physicians evaluate head injuries and make informed return to play decisions. NYSPHSAA and NYSSA are co-promoting workshops in every Section with medical personnel to present information on concussions and return to play, and to introduce ImPACT. It is extremely important for all schools to send representation. Attendance will meet the State Safety Mandate for 2007. This representation or ‘team’ might include: the AD and/or other administrator, nurse(s), school’s chief physician, trainer(s), and coaches. Up to four (4) individuals from your school may attend. The presenters in Section VI will be: Dr. John Leddy and Scott Dinse, Athletic Trainer - UB Sports Medicine and Tony Wong, PhD - Director of Neuropsychology, United Health Systems, Rochester.

Life of an Athlete Year 3 - Coaches Effectiveness

Section VI will sponsor Mr. John Underwood, Founder and Director of the American Athletic Institute, in cooperation with the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and the NYS Chemical Health Committee, to conduct the workshop for Year 3 of the 5-Year Program entitled Life of an Athlete. The Year 3 Workshop will address Coaches Effectiveness, to train coaches at all levels in NYS athletics, to understand and confront chemical health issues for today’s student athlete. Training includes the use of the document Greatest Threat, which helps a coach impact his/her team with valuable lessons against drug use. It affords any coach a perspective of the present day problem and how they can personally impact it.

Section VI will provide the seminar and materials for member schools at no charge. Those being trained will receive a master copy of all materials, including a copy of the PowerPoint CD with accompanying copy of all materials, including a copy of the presentation. Suggested participants include Athletic Director, high school and/or middle school administrators, modified and JV coaches. Up to four (4) individuals from your school may attend. The presenters in Section VI will be: Dr. John Leddy and Scott Dinse, Athletic Trainer - UB Sports Medicine and Tony Wong, PhD - Director of Neuropsychology, United Health Systems, Rochester.

Section VI Directory 2006-07 Updates

Please mark the following changes (noted in bold) on the appropriate pages of your Directory.

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21 Ellicottville new AD: Karl Schwartz, (S) 699-2316 x106, (H) 699-5850,
   kschwartz@eville.wnyric.org
22 Forestville new AD: Scott Hazelton (S) 965-2742 x705 (C) 523-1004 (Fax) 965-2265
   shazelton@forestville.wnyric.org
28 Lancaster Interim Superintendent: Ed Myszka
31 Newfane Superintendent: Mr. Gary Pogorzelski
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Welcome Aboard!!

Congratulations and welcome to Walt McLaughlin who was appointed in November as the new Section VI Girls Track Sportchair by the Section VI Athletic Council. Section VI is looking forward to sharing his energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic sports!

Nominations Being Accepted

Section VI positions open for nominations are: Section VI Boys Sports Representative to the Central Committee, all Spring Sport Chairperson positions. Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson. Appointments will be made at the Athletic Council meeting in May. The Boys Sports Representative will serve a term of four years beginning Sept. 1, 2007. Current nominations include Don Scholla, Olean, for re-appointment (term expires 8/31/07)

The Spring Chairpersons will be appointed for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2010.

Current nominees are:
- Baseball – Bob Kowal
- Golf (B) – David Gilson
- Golf (G) – Jim Rusin
- Lacrosse (B) – John Faller
- Lacrosse (G) – Pam Maryjanowski
- Softball – Larry Lash/Mark Kruzynski
- Tennis (B) – Terry McMahon
- Track & Field – Paul Ksionzyk (B) / Walt McLaughlin (G)

Please forward all nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 cszczesny@e1b.org

Fingerprinting Update for Officials

Photo ID’s

The Section VI office takes photographs for ID Cards every Wednesday from 9:30am to 3:30 pm at the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd, West Seneca. No appointment is necessary. Please bring drivers license for identification and $1.00 to cover postage and handling. One evening session will be held March 7, 2007 until 6:00 pm by appointment only. Call 821-7299 to schedule.

Pick-up points for fingerprint packets:
- Erie I BOCES reception: 355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca ..........................M-Fri 8-4:00
- Southwestern Middle School Library, Southwestern Dr., Jamestown .....................M-Fri 8-4:00
- Salamanca HS Superintendent’s office: 50 Iroquois Dr., Salamanca ........................M-Fri 7-3:30
- Philip Sheridan Bldg Athletic office: 3200 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore .....................M-Fri 8-3:30

Reminder from the Transportation Committee

**TRANSPORTATION:** School districts are reminded that they will need to make their own transportation arrangements to state competition for winter team sports if their team qualifies. Districts will be reimbursed by the Section for this expense as per the formula (based the grid) in the Transportation Policy* adopted May 2006. The Section will continue to make the arrangements for transportation for all athletes involved in state competition in winter individual sports including bowling, indoor track, boys swimming and wrestling. Section VI will be financially responsible for transportation costs for individual sports as per the formula (based the grid) and will back-bill the districts for amounts that exceed the allotment. The amount to be back-billed will be calculated per athlete competing for each district.

**LODGING:** Section VI will remain financially responsible for lodging at state competitions as per the established policy*.

**MEALS:** Districts will remain financially responsible for all meals at state competitions as per the established policy*.

* The policy is on the Section VI Website. Click on Forms & Info, “Financial Responsibility.”

Centralized Management of Sports Officials

The Section is continuing its investigation into use of TheArbiter, instead of LeagueMinder, as the program to handle the Central Management of Officials. Though LeagueMinder has operated successfully, it is not meeting the needs of all Section VI member schools. In response to a recommendation from the Section VI office for the use of TheArbiter, the Athletic Council established an Ad Hoc Committee at the November meeting to review this option and make a recommendation in January.

The Ad Hoc Committee met in December to view TheArbiter demo and address various concerns. The rationale for endorsing TheArbiter as the program to handle the management of officials for Section VI instead of LeagueMinder was reviewed and it was agreed that two major functions for the Section would be served:

- Manage all sports officials who provide service to Section VI member schools, with respect to SAVE legislation.
- Meet the assigning needs of all leagues that share officials as mandated by the Fact Finder’s report of 2000.

Consensus among assignors was reached on the Guidelines for Computer Assigning of Officials. In addition, TheArbiter answered all the concerns expressed by the assignors and the committee. It is felt that this program will be able to meet the needs of all the leagues in the Section including payment of officials for schools choosing to participate. As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee will recommend the following to the Athletic Council for action in January:

- Accept the Section VI Guidelines for Assigning Officials.
- Endorse TheArbiter as the program for Central Management and Assignment of Officials effective with school year 2007-2008.
Lancaster Boys Varsity Volleyball Season - Heading Into Uncharted Waters

by Coach Jason Stang

Coming off of two sub-.500 season records in the ECIC 1 division we were unsure of the type of team we could have this season in Lancaster. Although the previous two seasons weren't much to speak of, it was comforting to know that seven of my eight starters (6 + Libero and defensive specialist) had played club volleyball for the Eden Volleyball Club over the winter and spring. This season's team would start four seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores. The seniors were Dale Freier, Mike Jansma, Matt Kramer, and Tony Marotto. The junior starters were both middles, Ryan Garby and Adam Dean. Lastly my two sophomores had as much to do with our success as any because Derek Jansma was my setter and Craig Freier was the other outside hitter. Craig was under a lot of pressure all year being the target of opposing teams servers and always seem to pull it together when we needed it. Craig was also able to deliver one of the more affective jump float serves in the division. Derek was my starting setter as a freshman and led the team with his composure on the court. Derek also possessed an ability to be an offensive threat at the net with his dumps and also set up a formidable block at 6-2. Dale was our go to outside and back row hitter all year and was almost unstoppable with a good set. Dale also possessed a wicked jump serve and could take over a game with it when on. Dale was a three-year starter and co-captain of the Redskins. The defense was strong with great play from Mike Jansma and Tony Marotto. Mike was also a very solid third passer for us all year and was also the co-captain of the team. Mike was a three-year starter as well. The middle was consistent and reliable with 6-4 Ryan Garby and 6-3 Adam Dean. The final piece of the puzzle to this season's team came from an unexpected catholic school nearby, St. Mary's. Matt Kramer was tutored over the summer by Hamburg's coach Brian Carroll where Matt played for his club team over the winter as well. This was the first time Matt had played and the first time he had been coached as well. Matt learned a little of everything there. He was a decent middle, setter, right side and passer. Where I needed him most was as my right side. He fit in perfectly. Matt gave us a solid block and I could always count on a clean set from him if my setter had to play the first ball. I kept saying to the guys that it was funny how everything just seemed to be falling into place for us this year.

The year started out well with a win against Frontier at home but had a little let down in the first tourney against Eden and Hamburg. In the following tourney at Eden things were better. We had big wins in pool play taking two from Canisius and Lake Shore. Then in the Semifinals we upset Hamburg and beat them in two. We lost to Eden in the finals but knowing that we could beat the best in ECIC 1 gave us the confidence to make us think that this could be our year.

Late in the season another confidence boost came after being down a game to Orchard Park at home we came back to beat them in three. This really pushed the confidence of my players up a notch knowing that Orchard Park may be the team we meet in the playoffs.

When the playoffs came we were ranked 1st and were 9-0 in the division, 16-3 overall. We got a good draw of teams and were challenged most by a gutsy Williamsville North team. We won in a hard fought three games and then beat North Tonawanda to go to the finals against Orchard Park.

The sectional final match with Orchard Park was similar to our first meeting with them. We fell behind 0-1 and wound up winning the next three games straight. All of the games were a hard fought win. Dale Freier, Derek Jansma, and Mike Jansma all had huge games to overtake the fighting Quakers.
Eden Boys Volleyball Team
Captures State Title

The 2006 Eden Boys Volleyball Team Records are League 11-0-1, Overall 32-0 and Coaches Poll #1. This was the team’s 9th Year under Coach Robert Pierce whose record is Overall 225-45, DIV III 103-0, and includes 9 Division II Titles, 8 Section VI Class B Titles and 7 NYSPHSAA State Titles.

Eden volleyball Program History is quite notable: Division III Record (35 Years) 428-30 (.937), Overall Record (35 Years) 806-167 (.828), ECIC Division III Champions for 26 of last 29 years as well as Section VI Champions for 26 years!

In addition they have achieved:
- Supersectional Champion for 1983, 84, 87 (not held after ’87)
- NYSPHA State Champion 1990, 93, 98, 00, 01, 02, 04, 05, 06 (first held on 1990)
- NYSPHA State Runner-up 1996, 97, 03
- Eden Can/Pan–Am Champion 1978-82, 84, 86, 02, 06
- Orchard Park Invite Champion 1984-86, 88, 89, 93, 94, 01, 02
- Sweet Home Invite Champion 1979, 82, 83, 85-87, 93-95
- Webster Invite Champion – 2001-02, 06
- Central Square Invite Champion – 2001-02
- Clarence Invite Champion – 2004, 05, 06

Matthews Claims Another Diving Title
(excerpted from the Buffalo News)

Casey Matthews is back in familiar territory as the reigning NYS diving champion. The Williamsville North junior, who won the title as a freshman and was second in 2005, regained the crown at the 2006 NYSPHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships at Erie Community College. Divers performed three dives on Saturday after completing the first eight Friday. Matthews totaled 515.40 to win by 10.30 over defending champion Kristen Meier of Section 9’s Valley Central. Matthews said she knew after she scored 64 points on her second dive, an inward double tuck, that all she had to do was not miss badly on her final dive, a back-1½, a1½-twist, and the title was hers.

“Once I hit my inward double – that was huge,” said Matthews. “My final dive has a high degree of difficulty, so I knew if I scored consistent on that it was game over.” Casey is coached by Doug Cassidy.

Randolph Girls Volleyball Defend Their State Title

In a rematch of last year’s state final the Lady Cardinals swept Haldane 25-7, 25-23, 25-18 to claim their second straight New York State Class D Volleyball title at the Glens Falls Civic Center. The Cards came out with an explosive offense and played sensational defense, putting together their best team effort of the season. “I thought they played an outstanding defensive game,” Haldane coach Tony Caldiero said. “It seemed like they would get a hand on every ball.” Middle hitter Kaitlin Erdmann (33 kills, 6 blocks) and libero Sierra Finch (12 digs, 5 aces) were named to the all-tournament team. Lacy Blocker added 11 kills and Hilary Wadsworth had 30 assists. “This was an amazing group of girls who held strong all season,” said Coach Robin Maycock.

Lancaster Girls Volleyball AA State Champions
(excerpted from the Buffalo News)

Lancaster swept three games from Baldwinsville in Section 4 to capture its second Class AA title in the last three years. Having missed the championship game for the first time in five years in 2005, the Lady Redskins came back with a vengeance.

“There’s nothing like it (being champions again). A great day. I don’t think my feet have touched the ground yet,” said Lancaster Coach Sue Pernick. “It could have been anybody on the other side of the net today. They played with such confidence. Four service errors the whole day. That’s 95 percent. What was great was that we played to our full potential.”

Four seniors made huge contributions for the Redskins and they will be missed. Danielle Martzolf had 20 kills in the three games. Kristi Schrantz, the last of five Schrantz sisters to play for Lancaster had 12 kills. Stacy Gangloff, the right side hitter and Lindsey Schlegel who was like a quarterback the way she ran the court.
Eden Girls Volleyball - Class B State Champions
(excerpted from the Buffalo News)

Eden, winner of the three Class C titles from 2000-02, returned to the championship round after a year's absence and rolled past Section 11 power John Glenn of Elwood to take the Class B crown. John Glenn won Class B the last two years after succeeding Eden as Class C champion in 2003. The state title was the Raiders' fifth, tying the record held by Sweet Home.

There were no seniors last year on the Eden team that ended the school's six-year run of making the finals. "It was kind of a learning experience and they remembered what it was to get knocked out of the finals", said coach Stephen Pierce. "They brought that back with them."

Eden jumped out to a 14-5 lead in the first game. In the other games, it was strong serving and net play by Heather Henry and Stacy Smith. Henry had 17 kills and two blocks while Smith had 11 kills and three blocks. Rachel Sarcione stood out with 28 digs and Tracy Henry had 22 kills for the Raiders in Friday's six games of pool play.

Franklinville Boys Cross Country Team win State Championship

The Franklinville cross country teams recently completed the most successful season in the school's history with the boys winning the State Championship Meet and the girls team placing 7th in the State Championship Meet!

The girls team started the season off with a bang when they won the 17th Franklinville Invitational over 23 other teams. This marked the first time our girls or boys have won our invitational meet. The girls then won the Southern Tier Invitational at St. Bonaventure University (another first for us) and continued on as they won the Division II CCIAC Championship and our first ever Section VI Class C Championship with Samantha Kopp winning the individual Sectional crown. The girls then ran a respectable 7th place at the States to close out their season. Their team record was 18 wins and 4 losses. Samantha Kopp and Kristy Warner were both selected to run in the Checkers A.C. all-star meet with Samantha placing high enough in the race to earn first team All-Western New York honors. The girls on this record setting season were: Samantha Kopp (10th), Kristy Warner (12th), Maggie Eshbaugh (11th), RaeLee Price (12th), Kyle Weigel (12th), Chloë Koerner-Priester (11th), Ashley Chase (11th), Sara Swaciak (10th), Wendy Mahnk (10th), and Melissa Killingbeck (10th).

The boys team started out a little slower than the girls but got stronger as the season wore on. They won the Southern Tier Invitational as did the girls, then they won the CCIAC Division II Championship and the Section VI Class D Championship, both for the 2nd year in a row. The boys really wanted to improve on their 8th place finish at the state meet last year and ran the best race of their careers as they upset the defending state champion Cooperstown team to win the 2006 State Crown! This marks the first team State Championship for TBA in any sport. The boys record on the season was 17 wins and 3 losses. Tom Good and Jonathan Spear both competed in the Checkers A.C. all-star meet. Team members were: Tom Good (12th), Jonathan Spear (12th), Max Easton (11th), Chris Biela (11th), Ted Krueger (11th), Ryan Sullivan (12th), Dan Merkle (10th), Edwin Linarte (12th), Jesse Michael (12th), Jake Kingston (9th), Eric McCown (8th) and Shawn Chase (9th).

The coaches and team members would like to thank everyone for their support this season.

Section VI Mens Gymnastics Athletes Excel at State Competition

Section VI Mens Gymnastics team placed 1st with 150.25 points at the NYSPHSAA Regional competition held at SUNY Brockport Nov. 11, 2006.

Michael Morse, a junior at Clarence High School, claimed the state title in the Vault with 9.55 points. He also placed second in floor exercise with a score of 9.1 and, his 52.2 points earned him second place in the All-Around. Mike was the captain of the boys gymnastics team at Clarence High School in it’s inaugural season. He is also an honor student with a GPA of 93.5. The team, coached by Steve Martin, completed the season 10-0, and was crowned Section 6 Champions.

Two athletes from Williamsville North also exhibited exceptional performances. Michael Maizel, took the State Championship in the Pommel Horse with a score of 8.2. His 7.55 points in the Parallel Bars netted him 2nd and yet another 2nd place with a score of 7.3 in the Rings. Jarred Forman took first place with his 8.85 in the Rings. He finished 3rd in the All-around with 48.9, 3rd in the high bar with 7.4 and his score of 7.65 also placed him 3rd in the pommel horse. The Williamsville athletes are coached by Joe Buscaglia.
All WNY “Good Sport” Program- Models of Sportsmanship in Action

Selection Criteria
Sportsmanship just doesn’t happen…it must be taught! Students learn immeasurable and unique lessons through interscholastic athlete participation. Educators universally agree, of all the goals established as outcomes for secondary students involved in school sports, sportsmanship is primary. Student athletes who learn to value and practice sportsmanship are developing the characteristics of good citizenship. Honesty, generosity, self discipline, a sincere concern for others, ethical behavior and a commitment to fair play are all demonstrated in sportsmanship. These are the criteria for the All WNY “Good Sports” award.

This award program is carried out seasonally for all sports in Section VI. Each division for each sport within the league is asked to select a team that best exemplifies good sportsmanship to receive the team award. The team selected then chooses one student athlete to receive the individual award, an All WNY “Good Sports” patch. The names are given to the Section VI Sportchair or directly to Doug Ames, Sportsmanship Coordinator. The selection criteria, as stated above, will identify the very best we have to offer in Section VI. The award winners are models of sportsmanship in action and this program is designed to recognize and honor them. Contact the Section VI Sportmanship Coordinator Douglas Ames, Newfane Central Schools 778-6560 with questions or concerns.

Congratulations to the All-WNY “Good Sports” selections for fall 2006 listed below. These athletes will receive a certificate and an All-WNY Sportmanship patch.

**ALL-WNY Individual and Team Recognition for Outstanding Sportsmanship**

**FALL 2006** (Sports/leagues that do not appear below did not submit names for the award)

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**Boys Gymnastics**

Hamburg Brian Kent
Always a winner...

by Doug Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
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Contest Supervision Recommendations

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, at the October 11, 2006 meeting, agreed that negative fan behavior, students and adults, at contests this year seems to be an increasing problem. Although administrators at the majority of contests do not witness serious issues, the reports of poor and dangerous behavior are mounting. Following is a random list of suggestions shared by our committee members.

Train Supervisors – Hold a meeting with contest supervisors prior to the season and prior to big contests. Handout a job description and stress the need for appropriate action by the supervisors. If the job description is not filled, the supervisors will not be reassigned.

Meet with “professional security” personnel to cover expectations and responsibilities – they are expected to become part of the educational team.

Develop a Facility Plan – Each facility may have differing characteristics. Develop a plan for stations, responsibilities, communications and dealing with potentially explosive situation. Have a home team and visiting team traffic and seating plan. Utilize radios for communication when necessary.

Fan Yellow Cards – Many schools report success with a “yellow card” which can be handed to an adult fan, instructing the person that their behavior is not acceptable and if not changed, removal from the contest will result. Positive sportsmanship behaviors may be listed on the opposite side of the card.

Preseason Code Nights – Make attendance by at least one parent of each athlete mandatory. Have a backup plan (meeting with AD and viewing a film) and consider holding the athlete’s uniform until this requirement is filled.

Students – No removing of shirts at games and no body painting other than face. Signs must be approved by the AD or cheerleader advisor.

Big Rivalries – Rivalries can be fun and a positive experience for athletes, coaches and fans. However, too often rivalries stimulate poor behaviors, vandalism and negative actions at the contests. It is suggested that schools involved in the big rivalry games establish a plan of activities before game day that highlight respect for the opponents, fair play and appropriate sportsmanship. Both schools combining for team breakfasts, captains meetings with coaches, unique uses of the media to promote positive behaviors, cheerleaders combining for activities and demonstrations, announcements in physical education classes and pep rallies are some methods which have had successful outcomes. Welcoming signs and announcements at the contest may be helpful.

An event with a large, noisy crowd supporting their teams appropriately and respecting the opponents and the officials along with keeping a proper perspective on the values of high school sports can be fun and memorable events.

Supervision at Away Contests – It is becoming important that schools consider assigning trained supervisors to away contests. Supervisors should introduce themselves to the home school administrators and agree on how they may be recognized and contacted.

Modified Sport Parents Education – The committee members agreed that the sportsmanship messages must be stressed to the parents of modified athletes, utilizing preseason meetings at this level. Of course, they all need constant reminders.

Game Officials – All of us in the schools, leagues and sections need to be more proactive in working with and educating our officials of their importance in quieting potentially explosive situations. We need to meet with the officials at preseason meets, supporting their role as the rules interpreters and experts in officiating contests. However, we must strive to have all officials learn methods for defusing potentially explosive situations and recognize behaviors that add to the explosive situation. Our officials should become aware that they perform an important role in the education of students through athletics. They need our support and we need their assistance!

Conclusion – The Sportsmanship Committee members are proud of the many positive results of healthy competitions. However we must not lower our standards, accepting behaviors that are not sportsmanlike, being happy that “things were not worse”. Communicate high expectations and hold all accountable. Develop pride in “doing things the right way!”
**SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM**

The NYSPHSAA, Inc. believes that the athletic participation of students enhances their academic performances. To support this belief, the Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program was begun in 1991. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. became the co-sponsor of the program in 1995.

### Section VI Team Award Winners – Winter 2006

#### Boys Cross Country
- Kenmore West 92.521
- Cleveland Hill 92.384
- Alden 92.275
- West Seneca East 92.107
- Kenmore East 91.661
- Hutchinson Tech 91.653
- Sweet Home 91.230
- Medina 91.210
- Royalton Hartland 91.188
- Olean 91.114
- Grand Island 91.000
- Fredonia 90.843
- City Honors 90.789
- Albion 90.566
- Lewiston Porter 90.327
- Orchard Park 90.106

#### Field Hockey
- Barker 95.691
- Clarence 95.088
- Sweet Home 94.830
- Medina 94.774
- Williamsville North 94.517
- Williamsville East 94.390
- East Aurora 94.188
- Lancaster 93.898
- Hamburg 93.600
- Royalton Hartland 93.184
- Holland 92.979
- Orchard Park 92.979
- Iroquois 92.917
- West Seneca East 92.774
- Newfane 92.398
- Wilson 91.786
- Williamsville South 91.504
- West Seneca West 91.110
- Kenmore West 90.757
- Pioneer 90.541
- Starpoint 90.534
- Amherst 90.433

#### Football
- Southwestern 94.731
- Lancaster 94.726
- Clarence 94.347
- Iroquois 94.206
- North Tonawanda 93.825
- Allegany-Limestone 93.821
- West Seneca West 93.731
- Cassadaga Valley 93.221
- Lockport 93.183
- Westfield 93.141
- East Aurora 93.116
- Williamsville East 93.063

#### Boys Golf
- Frontier 93.042
- Alden 93.001
- Williamsville North 92.983
- Pioneer 92.528
- Falconer 92.391
- Cleveland Hill 92.293
- Depew 92.119
- Maryvale 92.115
- Medina 92.103
- Kenmore West 91.901
- Pine Valley 91.691
- Wilson 91.674
- Springville 91.500
- Hamburg 91.375
- Newfane 91.284
- Sweet Home 91.152
- Barker 90.990
- Brocton 90.947
- Albion 90.678
- Lake Shore 90.295
- Williamsville South 90.259
- Grand Island 90.167
- Panama 90.075
- Kenmore East 90.059
- Lewiston Porter 90.053

#### Boys Gymnastics
- Clarence 92.029

#### Girls Gymnastics
- Frontier 96.819
- Hamburg 96.329
- Williamsville North 96.076
- Lancaster 95.927
- Williamsville East 95.737
- Clarence 95.199
- Maryvale 93.644
- Sweet Home 92.186
- Lewiston Porter 92.116
- Williamsville South 91.013
- Kenmore West 90.150

#### Boys Soccer
- Southwestern 95.497
- East Aurora 94.716
- Falconer 94.201
- Portville 94.096
- Westfield 94.031
- Holland 94.022
- Lockport 93.933
- Lancaster 93.648
- Newfane 93.613
- Sweet Home 93.325
- Allegany-Limestone 93.324
- Cassadaga Valley 93.192
- Springville 93.139
- Medina 93.103
- Williamsville East 93.101
- Hamburg 92.767
- Orchard Park 92.726
- Cheektowaga 92.725
- Wilson 92.459
- Iroquois 92.335
- Chautauqua Lake 92.067
- Clarence 92.008
- Starpoint 91.964
- Pioneer 91.963
- Brocton 91.848
- Amherst 91.694
- Tonawanda 91.628
- Depew 91.583
- Royalton Hartland 91.206
- Williamsville North 91.079
- Alden 90.934
- Albion 90.880
- Williamsville South 90.758
- Olean 90.642
- Kenmore West 90.529
- Pine Valley 90.367
- Kenmore East 90.287
- Grand Island 90.029

#### Girls Cross Country
- Frontier 97.272
- Wilson 96.842
- East Aurora 96.741
- Hamburg 96.429
- Lockport 96.287
- Clarence 95.666
- Newfane 95.231
- Iroquois 95.164
- Depew 95.063
- West Seneca West 95.019
- Williamsville East 94.963
- Franklinville & Ellicottville 94.669
- Lancaster 93.913
- Leonardo Da Vinci 93.834
- Southwestern 93.706
- Lake Shore 93.302
- Williamsville North 93.133
- Falconer 92.886

#### Girls Golf
- Williamsville E, N & S 94.351
East Aurora Girls Cross Country
Class B State Champions

The 2006 East Aurora Girls Cross Country Team went undefeated this fall season. Other accomplishments include ECIC Division and Overall Champions, Section VI Class B and Overall Champions, New York State Class B Champions, and New York State Federation Championships 5th Place.

All members* of the team were ECIC All Stars, All Western New York – Section 6 Selections, All New York Class B Cross Country Team Selections and Scholar Athletes. Catherine Lusardi was the Section VI Girls Runner of the Year and the 11th Grade Runner of the Year. Kristen Weberg was the Section VI Girls 10th Grade Runner of the Year. Paige Pelton was the Section VI Girls 8th Grade Runner of the Year. The team was coached by Walt McLaughlin.

*2006 Team Members: Erin Crawford, Jenna Hulton, Marla Kelley, Catherine Lusardi, Tara O’Connor, Paige Pelton and Kristen Weberg.
IT'S OFFICIAL...

by Tom Cowan, Section VI, Officials Coordinator (821-7094)

The National Federation of High School Sports reports that over 7 million student athletes participated in high school sports last school year. A pattern of steady growth shows no sign of slowing, which educators agree to be a very positive outcome. Youth level sports encourage sportsmanship, physical fitness, teamwork and a variety of problem solving skills that tend to create more productive members of our society.

However, we as coaches, educators and parents must always be concerned about a dangerous social trend that looms in our gymnasiums and on our playing fields… that of “win at all cost.” All too often this concept tends to take the enjoyment out of athletics as our youngsters under excessive pressure, loose focus on those positive lessons can be attained.

The NFHS reports that less than 2 percent of high school athletes ever receive a college scholarship for athletics, and an even smaller percentage of them go on to earn a living as a professional athlete.

Promoting a sense of self-worth based solely on the outcome of a game is dangerous and rarely leads to any of the post-play goals outlined by our over-zealous coaches.

Stay focused! Stress sportsmanship, good physical health and the ability to enjoy the game, and the wins will take care of themselves.